

PATENT

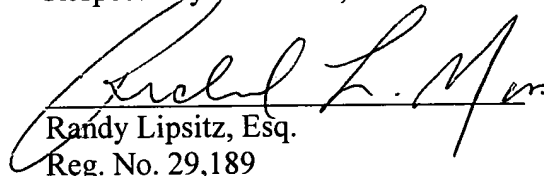
Of the thirteen (13) references listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A, six (6) are not in the English language. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3)(i) and (ii), English language translations of the Abstracts of these non-English references are also enclosed. Additionally, it is noted that listed U.S. Patent No. 6,685,174 B2 corresponds to non-English reference DE 199 59 556.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed reference be made of record in this application. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

The citation or characterization of the reference in this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that such reference is necessarily relevant or is prior art.

The above papers are being submitted concurrently with the entry of the patent application into the U.S. national phase under the PCT. Accordingly, no fee is believed due. Please charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

Respectfully submitted,



Randy Lipsitz, Esq.

Reg. No. 29,189

Richard L. Moss, Esq.

Reg. No. 39,782

Attorneys for Applicants

KRAMER LEVIN NAFTALIS & FRANKEL LLP

919 Third Avenue

New York, New York 10022

(212) 715-9100

CUSTOMER NO. 31013

UT15 Rec'd PCT/PTO 28 FEB 2005.

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box →

+

PTO/SB/08A (10-96)

Approved through 10/31/99. OMB 0651-0031
Patent and Trademark Office U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

Complete if Known

Application Number	Not Yet Assigned
Filing Date	Concurrently Herewith 10/525790
First Named Inventor	Hartmut GEIGER
Group Art Unit	Not Yet Assigned
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Attorney Docket Number	056982/00053

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials *	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)			
A		6,116,586	A	Westerkamp et al.	09-12-2000	
B		6,685,174	B2	Behnenburg et al.	02-03-2004	
C		6,098,967	A	Folchert	08-08-2000	
D		6,332,623	B1	Behnenburg et al.	12-25-2001	
E		4,799,707	A	Buma et al.	01-24-1989	
F		2002/0079626	A1	Grotendorst et al.	06-27-2002	
G		5,711,150		Oshita et al.	01-27-1998	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials *	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ₈
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
H		DE	199 59 556	C1	Behnenburg et al.	12-14-2000		
I		DE	197 13 313	A1	Geiger et al.	10-01-1998		
J		DE	102 03 075	A1	Huster	08-08-2002		
K		EP	0 343 391	A2	Schneider et al.	11-29-1989		
L		JP	2002/087040		Kenji	03-26-2002		
M		DE	40 04 482	A1	Mayer	08-22-1991		

Examiner
SignatureDate
Considered

* EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.